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### Army Units

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Soviet Tactical Units in Poland

3. [ ] the following Soviet tactical units [ ] were located in Poland: 25X1

Unit	Subordination	Location
U/1*	Unk	Gliwice

Unit consisted of approximately 300 men and 12-13 AA guns of unknown caliber. 25X1

U/1**	Unk	Katowice
U/1***	Unk	Krakow
Unk	Unk	Koszalin

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contact between Soviet and Polish officers and EM during duty and off hours was extremely rare.

National Security Corps Units

5. [ ] National Security Corps units in Poland: 25X1

Unit	Subordination	Location	CO
KBW			

u/1 KBW Units	Unk	Unk	Bydgoszcz****	Unk
			Warsaw ****	
			[5215N-2100E]	
			Katowice****	

WOP

WOP Hq	Unk	Unk	Warsaw	Col (fnu) Pszonski (Nationality unknown)
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4th WOP Brigade	WOP Hq	Unk	Gliwice	Lt Col (fnu) Hartman (Polish)
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41st WOP Bn	4th WOP Brigade	Unk	Cieszyn	Unk
			[4940N-1850E]	

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\* [ ] officers with black, yellow and red shoulder boards.  
 \*\* [ ] officers with red and yellow shoulder boards.  
 \*\*\* [ ] officers with red shoulder boards.  
 \*\*\*\* [ ] members of the KBW, in the above-named cities, who had hats with dark blue hat bands and lapel patches with dark blue flashes and gold edging.

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Unit	Subordination		Location	CO
42d WOP Bn	4th WOP Brigade	Unk	Unk	Unk
25X1	43d WOP Bn	Unk	Unk	Capt (fnu) Wasawski (Polish)
	48th GPK (Graniczny Punkt Kontrolny - Main Control Point)	Unk	Unk	Unk
	209th Gd Unit	Unk	Unk	Wo (fnu) Walozak
	210th Gd Unit	Unk	Unk	Capt (fnu) Dabrowiecki
	211th Gd Unit	Unk	Unk	Unk
	212th Gd Unit	Unk	Unk	2d Lt (fnu) Adamszyk
	213th Gd Unit	Unk	Unk	Unk
	214th Gd Unit	Unk	Unk	Wo (fnu) Murijas
	44th WOP Bn	Unk	Unk	Unk
	46th WOP Bn	Unk	Unk	Unk

The area secured by the 43d WOP Bn extended approximately 50 km along the Polish-Czech border, from Sciborzyce Wielki [5002N-1802E] to Gorzyce [4957N-1825E] [See Encl (C)]. There were no Soviet officers in either the 43d WOP or the 4th WOP Brigade.

#### Mission of the 43d WOP Bn

6. The mission of the 43d WOP Bn was to protect the border by capturing all persons attempting to cross the border without proper authority. The wartime mission of the WOP forces was to defend the border in case of an attack or an invasion and to hold the border until the arrival of regular military units.

7. [Redacted Box]  
there were military districts and commands in Poland.

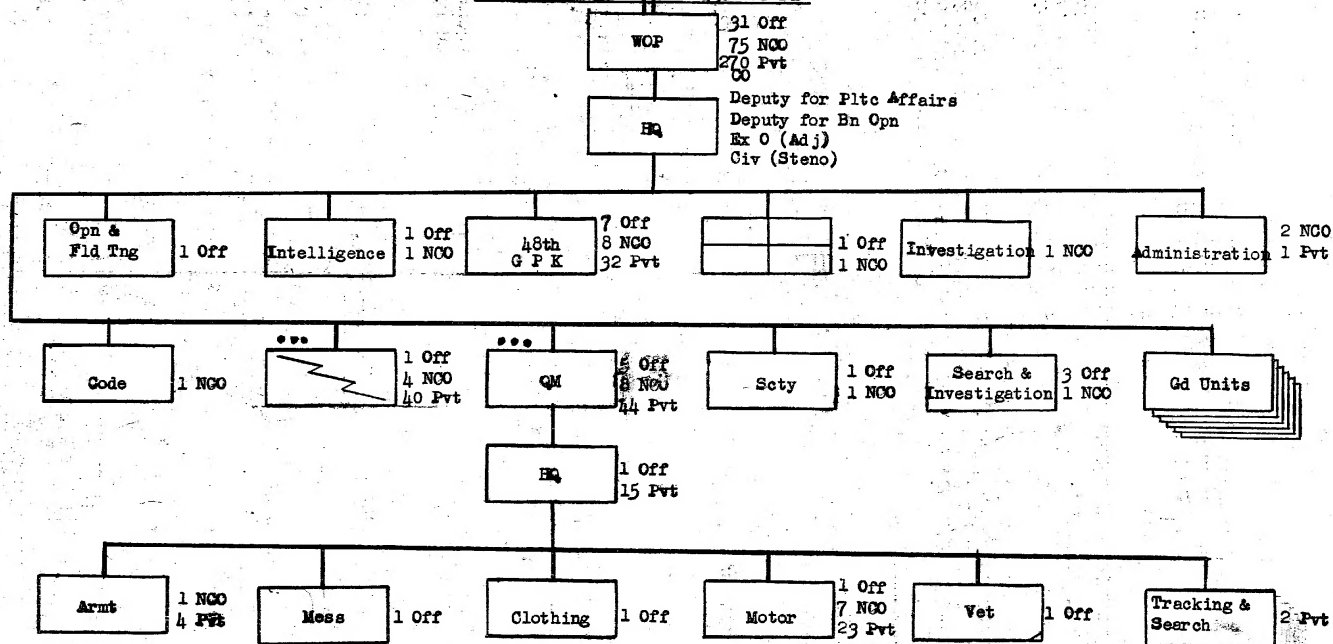
- Enclosures: (A) Actual Strength of the 43d WOP Bn  
(B) Actual Strength of the Gd Units of the 43d WOP Bn  
(C) Area Secured by the 43d WOP Bn

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Enclosure A

Actual Strength of the 43d WOP Bn



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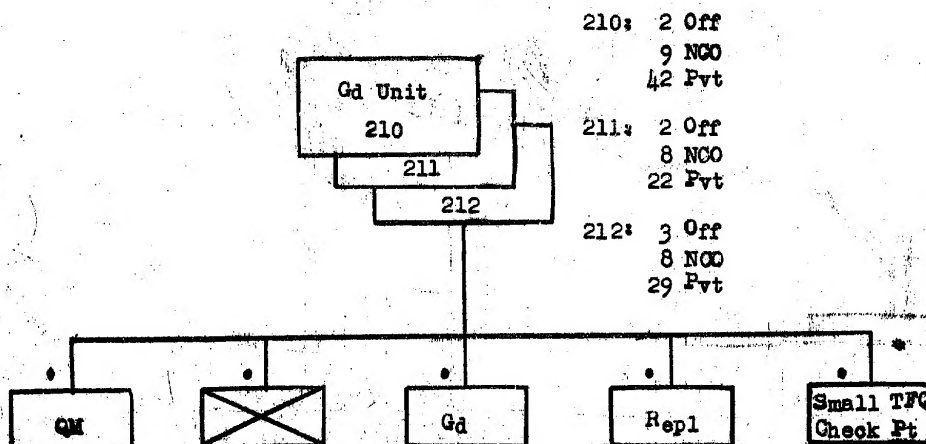
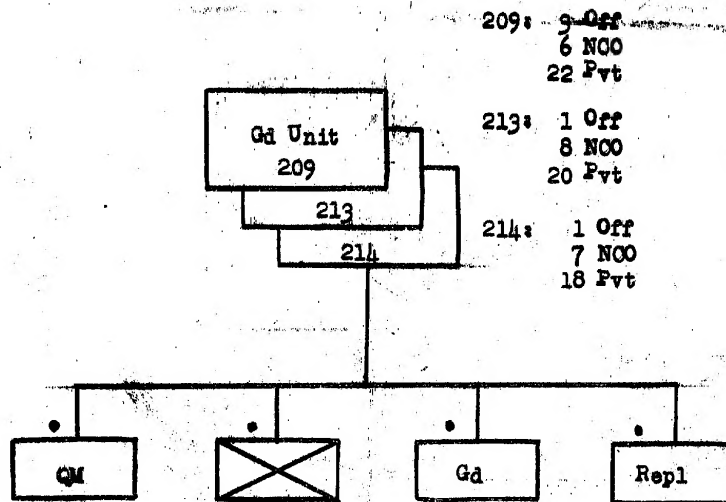
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Actual Strength of the Gd Units of the 43d WOP Bn



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Legend to  
Enclosures A & B

T/O of the 43d WOP Bn

Legend

1. Headquarters - Battalion Commander - Capt. (Col)\*, Deputy for Political Affairs - Capt. (Maj)\*, Executive Officer - 1st Lt., Deputy for Battalion Operations - 1st Lt.. One civilian stenographer was employed to handle correspondence in the headquarters. [REDACTED] there was no adjutant and the Executive Officer performed the functions of an adjutant. 25X1
2. Field Operations and Training Section - A 2d Lt was in charge of the section and it was his duty to make up training schedules, to conduct training and to prepare reports on illegal border crossers.
3. Intelligence Section - A captain commanded the section whose function was to conduct investigations among troops to determine party loyalty. The Intelligence Officer visited all elements in the battalion and attempted to determine the EM's opinion of the Communist regime.
4. 48th GPK - The CO of the unit was a Captain who was directly responsible to the Bn CO. The function of the Border Crossing Control Unit was to check all passes, passports and documents of Polish civilian and military personnel at the border crossing point. They entered all trains passing the border and checked for those suspected of trying to escape to the West.
5. Medical Section - A 2d Lt was the battalion surgeon and his duties were those of a regular medical officer. Sick call was held, Monday through Saturday, between 0800 and 1000.
6. Investigation Section - The section was supervised by a sergeant (1st Lt)\* whose duty it was to determine how illegal border crossings had been made, to determine whose fault it was, and to make out a report of findings in each case, which was sent to the Battalion CO.
7. Administrative Section - Under the supervision of the battalion Executive Officer, the section performed general administrative functions, issued leaves and passes, published daily orders, made out military correspondence and maintained service records for EM.
8. Code Section - The section consisted of one NCO whose function was to encode and decode all coded messages entering and leaving the battalion. The code section was directly responsible to the Battalion Commander.
9. Quartermaster Platoon - The battalion QM officer, a 1st Lt, was in charge of the platoon which provided the supply and transportation of the entire battalion. The following sections were subordinated to the QM platoon:

\*Ranks shown in parentheses represent T/O requirements.

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b. Mess Section - A WO was in charge of the section which was to draw and issue food to all elements in the battalion, to oversee cooks and to supervise the mess halls.

c. Clothing Section - A 2d Lt. was in charge of the section whose duty it was to draw and issue clothing to all elements in the battalion

d. Motor Section - A 2d Lt. was in charge of the section which supplied transportation for the entire battalion and kept vehicles repaired.

e. Veterinary Section - A 1st Lt. was in charge of the section who was responsible for the health of all horses and dogs used by the battalion.

f. Tracking and Search Section - Two privates who were dog handlers (Przewodniki Psow) made up the section and it was their duty to track down illegal border crossers.

10. Signal Platoon - A 1st Lt. was in charge of the platoon whose duty it was to maintain and repair telephone lines and telephones.

11. Security Office - A 1st Lt. was in charge of the section whose duty it was to register, log and check all incoming and outgoing military official correspondence and messages within the battalion. The Security Officer visited each Guard Unit (Straznica) at least once a month and checked the correspondence files. The section also maintained the service records of all battalion officers and NCOs and was directly responsible to the Executive Officer.

12. Search and Investigation Section (Sekoja Swiadowcza) - The section, referred to as the 7th Section, was supervised by a 1st Lt. who usually wore civilian clothing. The duty of the section was to check on all persons who were suspected of working in any way against the totalitarian regime and to check on political dissenters and persons who were suspected of intending to escape to the West. The section also conducted searches and investigations of homes when it was suspected that firearms were stored there. The section was directly responsible to the Bn CO.

13. Although the actual strength of the Guard Units of the 49d Wop Bn was as shown in Enclosure B, the T/O requirement for each was as follows:

Commanding Officer - Capt or 1st Lt  
Deputy for Political Affairs (Zastepca dla Spraw Politycznych) - 1st Lt  
Investigation Officer (Oficer Dochodzeniowy) - 1st Lt  
Search and Investigation Officer (Oficer Swiadowczy) - 1st Lt  
Administrative NCO (Szeft Kompanii) - Sgt  
Assistant Administrative NCO (Zastepca dla Szefta Kompanii) - Cpl  
Squad leader, in charge of each squad - Cpl

In addition to the above named, Guard Units 210, 211 and 212 were to have a Small Traffic Check Point squad (MRG - Maly Ruch Graniczny) whose T/O called for a Cpl and nine or more Privates. The squad was to check vehicular traffic moving between Poland from the CSR. Vehicles entering Poland were searched primarily for contraband articles such as shoes, watches and fountain pens. Vehicles leaving Poland were checked primarily for items such as fats and lard.

25X1 [ ] the reason for there being an MRG squad in Guard Units 210, 211 and 212 was that the latter patrolled areas that were difficult to guard against border crossers.

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[REDACTED] the actual strength of all guard units could be and was increased or decreased according to the type of terrain and mission assigned. When personnel were needed to augment the strength of any guard unit, the existing squads were reinforced by added personnel. However, no squad was to exceed the 16 man limit and the T/O called for one Cpl and nine Privates.

Squads in each guard unit were designated according to job function, as follows:

1. **QM Squad (Drużyna Gospodarcza).** Although the QM squad was to perform all work and housekeeping duties within the guard unit, actually it performed regular line duties. There were two dog handlers (Przewodniki Psow) in the squad.
2. **Rifle Squad (Drużyna Fuzilierow).** The rifle squad performed regular line duties.
3. **Guard Squad (Drużyna Wartownicza).** Although the guard squad was to perform sentry and guard duties, actually it performed regular line duties.
4. **Replacement Squad (Drużyna Poza Etatowa).** Although the replacement squad was to furnish replacements for the other squads, it also performed regular line duties.

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Enclosure C

Area Secured by the 43d WOP Bn

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